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TO ASEAN CAPITALS, DEC. 5-20

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1. SUMMARY: EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY HAFERKAMP'S
VISIT TO ASEAN CAPITALS LAST DECEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO
POSITIVE EVOLUTION OF EC-ASEAN TIES AND THAT EC-ASEAN
MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BRUSSELS IN LATE 1978 IS EXPECTED
BY BOTH SIDES. THESE OFFICIALS SAID THEY WOULD WELCOME
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UPDATE ON US-ASEAN RELATIONS AND ANY COMMENTS US MIGHT
HAVE ON DEVELOPING EC-ASEAN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED EC VICE PRESIDENT
HAFERKAMP'S DECEMBER VISIT TO ASEAN CAPITALS (REFTEL)
WITH EC COMMISSION DG-I (EXTERNAL RELATIONS) OFFICIAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR ASEAN MATTERS AND HAFERKAMP'S CHEF DE

CABINET, BOTH OF WHOM ACCOMPANIED HAFERKAMP. THESE OFFICIALS DESCRIBED VISIT PRIMARILY AS AN EFFORT TO BUILD GOODWILL ON A REGION-TO-REGION BASIS AND POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME A POLITICAL LEVEL EC OFFICIAL HAS VISITED ALL FIVE ASEAN CAPITALS. HAFERKAMP REPORTEDLY IS VERY SATISFIED WITH VISIT, AND BELIEVES IT CONTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY'S PRESENT EFFORTS TO FOSTER CLOSER TIES WITH ASEAN GOVERNMENTS. MAIN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES DISCUSSED AT EACH STOP WERE: (A) PRESENT EVOLUTION OF EC-ASEAN RELATIONS; (B) PROPOSED EC-ASEAN MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING IN LATE 1978; AND (C) POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF EC REPRESENTATION IN ONE OR MORE ASEAN STATES.

3. CONCERNING EVOLUTION OF EC-ASEAN RELATIONS, COMMISSION OFFICIALS TOLD US THAT ASEAN LEADERS WITH WHOM HAFERKAMP TALKED EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THEIR COUNTRIES' POTENTIAL OVER-RELIANCE ON JAPAN, PARTICULARLY IN ECONOMIC MATTERS, AND CONSEQUENT NEED FOR ASEAN MEMBERS TO DIVERSIFY FOREIGN POLITICAL, FINANCIAL AND TRADE RELATIONS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. HAFERKAMP'S INTERLOCUTORS EXPLAINED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION REACHED AT TENTH MEETING OF ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS LAST JULY ON MEASURES TO CONSOLIDATE AND EXPAND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIALIZED STATES OR GROUPS OF STATES, THEY WELCOME EXPANDED CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE EC. COM-
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MISSION OFFICIALS SAID THAT FOR ITS PART, EC VIEWS ASEAN AS A POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT FORCE IN ASIA, NOT ONLY IN ITS ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL DIMENSION, BUT ALSO IN POLITICAL TERMS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE GIVEN WITHDRAWAL OF US MILITARY UMBRELLA FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ARE ALSO FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH SERIOUSNESS OF ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES WITH WHOM THEY AND HAFERKAMP MET; FOR INSTANCE, THEY FOUND SOME EVIDENCE THAT ASEAN GOVERNMENTS HAD CONSULTED WITH ONE ANOTHER AND COORDINATED POSITIONS PRIOR TO HAFERKAMP'S ARRIVAL. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAID THAT GIVEN WHAT HAFERKAMP AND SOME OTHERS IN THE COMMISSION PERCEIVE TO BE A POLITICAL VACUUM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, THEY ARGUE THAT MAXIMUM FEASIBLE EC ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO ASEAN MEMBERS, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY. OFFICIALS FURTHER NOTED THAT EC-9'S OWN EXPERIENCE AS A SUCCESSFUL REGIONAL ENTITY, CAUSES MANY IN THE COMMUNITY--PARTICULARLY THE EC COMMISSION--TO BE ATTRACTED BY THE IDEA OF HELPING PROMOTE ASEAN COOPERATION AND INTEGRATION.

4. REGARDING PROPOSED EC-ASEAN MINISTERIAL SESSION, COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF HAFERKAMP

TRIP, BOTH SIDES ARE PLANNING FOR A LATE 1978 MEETING IN BRUSSELS. PENDING FINAL RESOLUTION OF AGENDA, IT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED WHETHER ECONOMIC OR FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL ATTEND ON BEHALF OF THE EC-9 AND FIVE ASEAN MEMBERS, RESPECTIVELY. HAFERKAMP REPORTEDLY ASKED EACH ASEAN GOVERNMENT TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS FOR MINISTERIAL AGENDA AND CABLE PERTINENT INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR EMBASSIES IN BRUSSELS. WE ARE TOLD THAT IN COMING WEEKS EC REPRESENTATIVES WILL VET PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS WITH ASEAN BRUSSELS COMMITTEE AND THEIR JOINT CONCLUSIONS WILL THEN BE FORMALLY REVIEWED AT NEXT EC-ASEAN AMBASSADORIAL MEETING IN JUNE.

5. IN RESPONSE TO MISSION OFFICER'S QUERY REGARDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNITY'S VIEWS ON LIKELY OUTCOME OF MINISTERIAL, COMMISSION OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT A JOINT "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES" MIGHT EMERGE AS FINAL PRODUCT. LATTER MIGHT ENCOMPASS, FOR INSTANCE, REGION-TO-REGION COOPERA-

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TION IN FACILITATING (A) FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS INVESTMENT, (B) INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE PROMOTION AND RELATED "DEVELOPMENT" ENDEAVORS, AND (C) CONSULTATION PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF TRADE DISPUTES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE TOLD THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO A FEW COMMISSION OFFICIALS FAVORED ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE FORMAL "CONTRACTUAL" LINK WITH ASEAN, SUCH AS A TRADE COOPERATION "FRAMEWORK" AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY IS NOT CURRENTLY THINKING ALONG THESE LINES. ALSO EXCLUDED, ACCORDING TO COMMISSION OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED HAFERKAMP TRIP, IS ANY KIND OF EC CONCESSION INVOLVING PREFERENTIAL MARKET ACCESS FOR ASEAN PRODUCTS. IN GENERAL, HAFERKAMP AND HIS STAFF CAME AWAY FROM THEIR TALKS WITH ASEAN GOVERNMENTS WITH IMPRESSION THAT AGENDA OR OUTCOME OF PROPOSED MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING IS PERHAPS LESS IMPORTANT TO ASEAN THAN SYMBOLIC SIGNIFI-

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CANCE OF COMMUNITY'S WILLINGNESS TO SIT DOWN AT SAME TABLE WITH ASEAN POLITICAL LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES.

6. COMMISSION OFFICIALS ALSO REPEATED TO US HAFERKAMP'S HOPE THAT EC OFFICE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA MAY BE OPENED IN 1979, PROBABLY EITHER IN JAKARTA OR BANGKOK. COMMISSION WILL MAKE A FORMAL PROPOSAL TO EC COUNCIL IN NEAR FUTURE THAT FUNDING FOR SUCH AN OFFICE BE APPROVED, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNCIL DECISION COULD CONCEIVABLY COINCIDE WITH MINISTERIAL MEETING IN FALL. WE ARE ALSO TOLD THIS PERMANENT EC REPRESENTATION IN THE AREA, WHILE SYMBOLIC OF CLOSER EC-ASEAN TIES, MIGHT HAVE A SOMEWHAT WIDER AREA OF JURISDICTION THAN THE FIVE ASEAN COUNTRIES.

7. COMMENT: IN BRIEFING MISSION OFFICER ON HAFERKAMP'S VISIT, COMMISSION OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY WOULD WELCOME AN UPDATE OF US VIEWS ON CURRENT EVOLUTION OF US-ASEAN COOPERATION AS WELL AS ON RECENT TRENDS IN EC-ASEAN RELATIONS; MISSION OFFICER SAID HE WOULD CONVEY THIS INTEREST TO WASHINGTON. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY THOUGHTS ON THE FOREGOING MATTERS WHICH IT BELIEVES IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO SHARE WITH EC COMMISSION, PLEASE ADVISE. HINTON

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